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SUBJ: ELECTRIC POWER TO BE SUPPLIED FROM VENEZUELA TO CURACAO

1. ACCORDING TO A PRESS RELEASE, ONE OF THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE VISIT OF THE MINISTER PRESIDENT OF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES TO VENEZUELA, BEGINNING AUGUST 23, 1976, IS THE LAYING OF AN UNDERSEA CABLE BETWEEN THE VENEZUELAN COAST AND CURACAO. THE CABLE IS TO TRANSMIT ELECTRIC POWER GENERATED AT THE GURI (RAUL LEONI) DAM TO THE ISLAND.

2. THE PRESS ARTICLE STATED THAT PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON THIS PROJECT HAVE ALREADY BEEN HELD.

3. COMMENT: THE DISCUSSIONS TAKING PLACE ARE MAINLY ON THE POLITICAL LEVEL. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH A PROJECT WOULD DEPEND NOT ONLY ON AGREEMENT REGARDING THE SPLIT OF THE COSTS FOR TRANSMISSION LINES IN VENEZUELA AND THE UNDERSEA CABLE, BUT ALSO ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SUFFICIENT POWER GENERATED BY THE GURI HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT. FROM INDICATIONS RECEIVED FROM GURI'S OPERATORS, EDELCA, POWER GENERATED BY THE PRESENT FACILITIES AND BY THE REMAINING TWO TURBINES TO BE INSTALLED IN THE PRESENT DAM, WILL BE ABSORBED FULLY

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BY VENEZUELA AND ITS LARGE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS. THUS,

SURPLUS POWER MIGHT ONLY BECOME AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT AFTER
INITIATION OF POWER GENERATION BY THE SECOND PHASE OF THE
DAM, SCHEDULED FOR CONSTRUCTION BEGINNING TOWARDS THE END
OF THIS YEAR.
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